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FORT BELVOIR RETIREE BULLETIN

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RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY- 17 September 2005

Greetings from the RSO

This year's Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for **Saturday**, **17 September 2005**. You are invited to come on out and enjoy this very special day. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This year's Retiree Appreciation Day will be conducted at the Defense Acquisition University, Building 226. As in previous years, you can look forward to attending several seminars designed to inform and keep you updated on your benefits and earned privileges.

The Fort Belvoir Retiree Council, chaired by LTC Gerald Musarra, U.S. Army (Ret.) has worked diligently this year to provide a program filled with useful and important information. The entire council body looks forward to meeting and greeting you on this very special day.

Registration and sign-in for the day will be conducted from 0800 to 0830 hours at the main entrance of building 226. Opening remarks will begin promptly at 0900 hours in Scotts Hall Auditorium, located in the same building. Free coffee, donuts and refreshments will be provided for your enjoyment while you mingle and get reacquainted with the facility and friends.

The DeWitt Army Community Hospital will conduct a **Health Fair** from 0900 to 1200 hours. Don't miss this opportunity to receive free cholesterol and blood pressure screening. Several representatives from the different departments of DeWitt will be on hand to provide current information on medical issues impacting the retirement community. Many exhibits will be on display and several local organizations will also be present at your Retiree Appreciation Day to give first-hand information.

Throughout the day the wonderful folks from the Fort Belvoir Identification Cards section and Adjutant General Office will provide transportation to building 213 for retiree's to update their ID cards and or DEERS information. The ID card facility will open at 0900 and close at 1200 hours. Please take advantage of this wonderful service.

The day would not be complete without a delicious lunch provided by the Consolidated Dining Facility. Bus transportation will be provided from bldg 226 to the dining facility and back.

It's always a pleasure serving you! Karen M. Kelley, RSO, 703-805-2675

Please complete the enclosed registration form to let us know that you will attend and whether you plan to purchase lunch. You may mail, fax or e-mail your form back.

FORT BELVOIR

RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

17 SEPTEMBER 2005

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN 10 SEPTEMEBER 2005

NAME:	RANK:
BRANCH OF SERVICE:	TELEPHONE:
ADDRESS:	
EMAIL:	
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN PARTY	7 :
	OR LUNCH:
(Please bring \$3.50 per person to co	ver the cost of each lunch)
Are you or anyone in your party lat the event? Yes	nandicapped or mobility impaired and require assistanceNo
REGISTER NOW	"!!!! We look forward to seeing you there!

RETURN THE FORM TO:

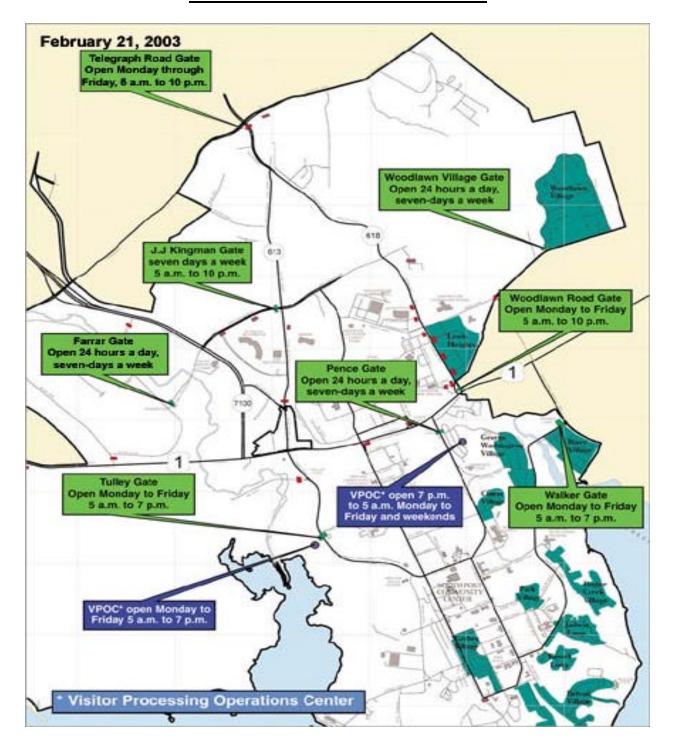
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL ATTN: IMNE-BEL-MPB (RETIREMENT SERVICES) 5815 20TH STREET, BUILDING 213 FORT BELVOIR, VIRGINIA 22060-5920

Or Fax it back to (703) 805-3002, attention Ms. Kelley

Or E-mail it back to Karen_m_kelley@belvoir.army.mil

POINT OF CONTACT IS YOUR RSO, MRS. KAREN KELLEY AT 703-805-2675

DIRECTIONS TO FORT BELVOIR

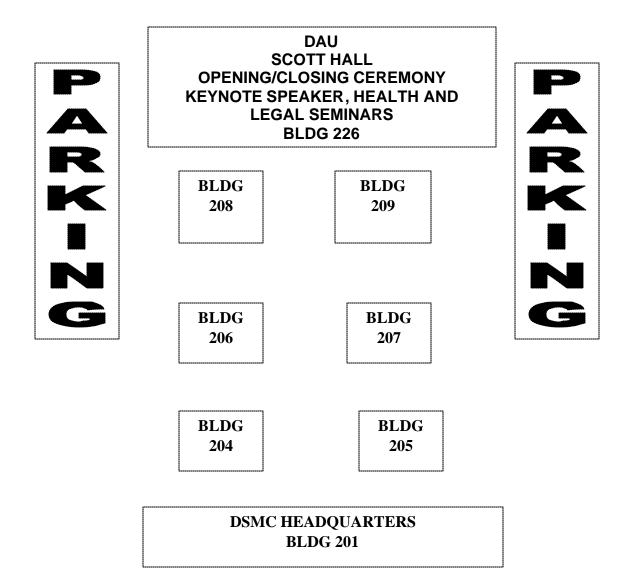


From Washington DC (1-95 South)

- If you are traveling south on 1-95, take the Fairfax Parkway/Backlick Road (7100) exit 166 A.
- Take the Fairfax County Parkway to its end at U.S. Rt. 1 (Richmond Highway.)
- Turn left.
- At the first light, on the right, is the entrance for Tulley Gate (closed on Saturday).
- Use Pence Gate, which is the next entrance on the right. All visitors to Fort Belvoir without DOD decals on their vehicles must stop at Pence Gate after hours, weekends and holidays. For more information call the VPOC during weekday hours at (703) 806-4892.

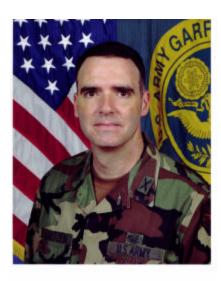
From Richmond (1-95 North)

- If you are traveling north on 1-95 North, take the Fort Belvoir Exit 161 B. (U.S. Rt 1 -- Richmond Highway)
- You will travel five miles to Fort Belvoir.
- Continue through the light at the Fairfax County Parkway (VA 7100). At the next stoplight, on the right side you will see the entrance for Tulley Gate. On weekends continue north to the entrance at Pence Gate.
- From the Main (Pence) Gate, located at the intersection of Route 1 and Belvoir Road. Follow Belvoir Road to 18th Street. It is opposite a large parade field between 18th and 19th Streets. All buildings are numbered. Follow the posted signs to the DAU building.



BELVOIR ROAD

FORT BELVOIR UPDATE



NEW GARRISON COMMANDER

Colonel Brian W. Lauritzen

Biography

Colonel Brian W. Lauritzen graduated from the U.S. Military Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer's Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Command and General Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College. His civilian education includes a Master of Science in Mathematics and Operations Research from the Colorado School of Mines.

COL Lauritzen's career reflects a variety of command and staff positions and deployments with units in the United States and Germany. His initial tour of duty was with the 2d Bn, 18th Field Artillery in the 212th Brigade of III Corps Artillery, Fort Sill, OK. COL Lauritzen's next assignment was with the 1st Armored Division Artillery in Germany, where he served in the Division Fire Support element and later commanded Battery C, 6th Bn, 1st Field Artillery in the 1st Armored Division Artillery. Following his command tour, COL Lauritzen attended graduate school at the Colorado School of Mines, in Golden, Colorado, which led to a two-year teaching assignment at the Army's Logistic's Management College at Fort Lee, VA. In 1994, COL Lauritzen attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and was subsequently assigned as the Headquarters Commandant for the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Carson, CO. COL Lauritzen then became the Battalion Executive Officer for the 3d Bn, 29th Field Artillery supporting the 3d Brigade Combat Team of the 4th Infantry Division. In August of 1997, COL Lauritzen was selected for joint duty as an Operations Research Analyst with the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate in the Pentagon. COL Lauritzen subsequently commanded Headquarters Battalion, Fort Myer Military Community from July 2000-July 2002. Following battalion command, COL Lauritzen served in the Operations, Deployment, and Readiness directorate of the Headquarters, Department of the Army, G3. He then attended the Army War College at Carlisle, PA. Prior to assuming command, COL Lauritzen served as the Executive Officer to the Army's Military Deputy for Budget in the office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller). COL Lauritzen's awards and qualifications include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service medal w/ 4 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal w/ 1 oak leaf cluster, Army Achievement Medal w/ 4 oak leaf clusters, Parachutist Badge, the Army Staff Identification Badge, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Identification Badge.

COL Lauritzen is married to the former Anne Holmberg. They have two children; Daniel, 9 and Kristen, 6.

HOT TOPICS HOT TOPICS

DoD Recommends Growth at Fort Belvoir Under BRAC 2005

The Department of Defense announced May 13 its recommendation to increase operations and military activities at Fort Belvoir, Va. as part of the Congressionally-authorized 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process.

Based on May 13th's BRAC recommendations, Fort Belvoir has been advised to expect an increase of 3,677 military personnel and 14,753 civilian employees and contract personnel, for a total net increase of 18,420 positions.

Activities identified to relocate to Fort Belvoir under the BRAC recommendations include:

- Medical care functions from Walter Reed Army Medical Center
- Army and DoD organizations presently in leased space in the National Capital Region
- Logistics functions from Naval Support Activity, Mechanicsburg, PA and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
- Elements of PEO Enterprise Information Systems from Fort Monmouth, N.J.
- National Geospatial Agency units from leased locations in the NCR and Bethesda, MD

Activities identified to relocate from Fort Belvoir to other locations include:

- The Army Materiel Command Headquarters to Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- The U.S. Army Security Assistance Command to Redstone Arsenal, Ala.
- The U.S. Army Prime Power School to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

- The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division Headquarters to Quantico Marine Corps Base.
- Soldiers Magazine to Fort Meade, Md.
- Elements of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency to Fort Detrick, Md., Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Bethesda, Md.
- Elements of Information Systems, Sensors, Electronic Warfare and Electronics Research to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

DoD figures released to the media this morning indicated a net growth of approximately 12,000 military and civilians at Fort Belvoir. The Department of the Army later revised this number, indicating that the DoD figures did not include the movement of units from the National Geospatial Agency.

SBP UPDATE

Retirees can look forward to a one-year Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) open season beginning on October 1, 2005. Retirees not currently participating in the program will be permitted to elect SBP. Retirees participating in the program at a reduced base amount will be permitted to increase the base amount. Retirees who currently have child only coverage; will be permitted to add spouse or former spouse coverage.

Retirees must live for two years following the election in order for the coverage to become fully effective. Should the retiree pass away before the two year period expires, this election shall become void, and all costs attributed to this election will be refunded to the named beneficiary of the voided election.

A buy-in premium will be required for this open season election, which will represent the costs that would have been paid for this election had it been made at the first opportunity to do so. Interest and any actuarial charges necessary may be added to this amount. The costs associated with buy-in premiums are not yet available.

Military Retired Pay News

MYPAY ONLINE

Retirees can now access important pay information online at https://mypay.dfas.mil or call 1-877-363-3677. This web-based system allows timely, safe

and secure pay related transactions. For faster Retiree Account Statements (RAS) and Tax Statement (1099R) retirees and annuitants from all Armed Forces can log on to MyPay obtain a new PIN (personal identification number) and take control. Even those without a computer can make changes to their accounts by using computer and internet access of a family members, friends, public libraries or Kisosks located on military installations.

With MyPay, retirees and annuitants can:

- View, print, and save statements
- Change federal tax withholdings
- Update bank account and electronic fund transfer information
- Make address changes
- Manage allotments
- Update certificate of eligibility

Customer support is available at 1-800-390-2348 Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. -7:30 p.m. Eastern. *Military Retired Pay News*

CRSC UPDATE

CRSC may entitle you to additional funds which are designed to compensate you for the reduction of your military retired pay due to the receipt of VA compensation (also known as the "VA waiver"). With CRSC, you can receive either partial or full concurrent receipt of your military retirement pay and your VA disability compensation.

CRSC Eligibility Requirements CRSC I

- 1. Retired with at least 20 years of Active Duty or 7200 Reserve Service Points.
- 2. Have a VA disability rating of 60-100% or 10% associated with a Purple Heart.
- 3. Drawing retirement pay.
- 4. Receiving VA disability pay.

Those who meet <u>all</u> of these CRSC I requirements are eligible to receive payment retroactive to **1 June 2003** or the date they are fully eligible.

CRSC II

- 1. Retired with at least 20 years of Active Duty <u>or</u> a 20-year Retirement Letter <u>and</u> is at least age 60.
- 2. Have a VA disability rating of 10% or higher.
- 3. Drawing retirement pay.
- 4. Receiving VA disability pay.

Those who meet <u>all</u> of these CRSC II requirements are eligible to receive payment retroactive to **1 January 2004** or the date they are fully eligible. For more information please call 1-866-281-3254.

CASUALTY ASSISTANCE

The Fort Belvoir Casualty Assistance office offers help to family members of deceased Army retirees through the Casualty Assistance Program. Spouses and other survivors should report the retiree's death immediately to enable officials to notify the proper agencies for settlement of survivor benefits and claims. For information please call 703-805-5375.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON FT BELVOIR

Retiree Appreciation Day, 17 September 2005

Veterans of Foreign War Representative

The Second and Fourth Thursday of every month 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Building 1001, Soldier & Family Support Center 9655 Belvoir Road

Get important information concerning Veteran's Benefits. For all active duty, retired, and spouses. For More Information/Appointment, call the Relocation Readiness Program, 805-4590/5058

Fort Belvoir October Fest

Don't miss the **October Fest** scheduled for Dates: 29 September thru 2 October 2005 Location: Pullen Field

Point of Contact: Gayle Rea at 703-805-4686

FORT BELVOIR RETIREE COUNCIL



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE July 2005



As you have been witnessing since we met last September at the Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD), Fort Belvoir has undergone a tremendous transition. I am not sure it's all for the better. So as valuable members of the Fort Belvoir community, what can we do as retirees to make our opinions known?

The upcoming Retiree Appreciation Day is designed to allow retired military members and their spouses to hear, first hand, from the Post Commander, Hospital Commander, and at least one Subject Matter Expert talk about Belvoir and DeWitt master plans, veteran's benefits, survivor benefits, legal issues, etc. Historically, although we have more than 16,000 Army retirees located in the Fort Belvoir area, we average about 500 attendees at the RAD each year. Statistically speaking, that's a good number. However, I wonder how the non-attendees receive their information pertaining to the Army of 2005, Fort Belvoir activities, and on-going changes at Fort Belvoir. I appreciate there are other sources for obtaining information, but I believe nothing can replace hearing the facts first hand. But, more importantly, the open forums allow a two-way dialogue with the Commanders/Subject Matter Experts so they know how members of the retired population feel about the changes occurring at Fort Belvoir.

We understand that the Defense Department's objective is to utilize Fort Belvoir to best accommodate the mission (ever changing) of today's Army, and indeed, the Department of Defense. For many retirees and their family members who never use Fort Belvoir facilities, changes at this installation matter little. But for those of us who fully utilize this Post's facilities-- who call Fort Belvoir "home"--having a voice in what changes occur at our beloved Belvoir, I urge you to attend the RAD on 17 September and make known your concerns. Otherwise, I fear we risk decisions being made outside of the gates of Fort Belvoir and are left with the results, like it or not.

I wish all members of the retired population and the Fort Belvoir staff members who serve us a very pleasant and safe summer season. Please join me and the members of your Retiree Council at this year's Retiree Appreciation Day.

On a closing note, my wife Barbara and I attended the Change of Command ceremony on 11 July to bid farewell to COL Thomas W. Williams and welcome our new Garrison Commander, COL Brian W. Lauritzen. We sincerely thank Colonel Williams for his three years of hard work and dedicated service to Fort Belvoir and extend our best wishes to Colonel Lauritzen as he takes over the leadership of Fort Belvoir and continues to move it forward in the 21st Century.

Warm regards.

Gerald D. Musarra LTC, U.S. Army (Ret) Chairman, Fort Belvoir Retiree Council

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